



**Year 2 Curriculum Plan** 

# Academic Year 2025-2026

Subject	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
English	Fables and Storytelling Students will study classic fables, such as The Ant and the Grasshopper and The Hare and the Tortoise. Through this exploration, they will analyse characters, settings, and plots, ultimately crafting their own adapted stories. Using Talk for Writing techniques, students will engage in storytelling through oral retelling and collaborative writing.	Descriptive Writing Students will read the text The Tin Forest and create their own innovative versions of the story as a final piece. Using the Talk for Writing approach, they will engage in oral storytelling, character exploration, and collaborative writing exercises.	Descriptive Writing Students will study the text of The Whale's Song and write their own stories, incorporating expanded noun phrases to vividly describe characters and settings. Using the Talk for Writing approach, they will participate in activities that encourage imaginative thinking and rich detail, enabling them to bring their narratives to life.
	Instructional Writing In this unit, students will develop their writing skills by creating original recipes and instructional texts. They will learn to use imperative verbs, command sentences, and formatting techniques such as lists and bullet points.  Students will also incorporate infographics and pictures to enhance their instructions, fostering clarity and engagement in their writing.	Non-Chronological Reports In this unit, students will explore various non-fiction articles and texts about animals to understand the characteristics of non-chronological reports. They will learn to identify key features such as headings, subheadings, and bullet points. Students will then create their own non-chronological reports, applying their knowledge to present information clearly and effectively.	Recounts  We will begin our recount unit by exploring The Diary of a Wombat, which will introduce students to non-fiction writing techniques. Following this, they will investigate the story Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs to create their own recounts. Students will focus on using noun phrases and various sentence types, along with appropriate punctuation, to effectively convey their experiences and observations.
	Using the text The Bear and the Piano, students will delve into the art of recounting experiences. They will create diary entries that reflect key events, utilising time connectives and conjunctions to structure their narratives effectively.  Poetry Students will explore a selection of winter-themed poems, learning about various poetic techniques. They will engage with rhyming words, descriptive adjectives, and the structure of poems, allowing them to appreciate the beauty of language.	Students will enjoy reading, discussing, and writing a range of poems. They will revise grammatical terminology and expand their use of noun phrases to enhance their poetic expression. Through this exploration, students will gain a deeper appreciation for the rhythm and beauty of language, inspiring them to craft their own unique poems.  Phonics  Students will consolidate and develop their phonics skills using the Letters and Sounds program.	Poetry Children will study a selection of poems about the seaside, engaging with the imagery and themes presented. They will create their own poems, using the five senses to describe a chosen seaside location. This unit will inspire students to express their thoughts and feelings about the seaside through creative language and sensory details.  Phonics Students will consolidate and develop their phonics skills using the Letters and Sounds program.
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practical applications.

Place Value

Understanding numbers to 100 Comparing and ordering numbers Counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s

### **Addition and Subtraction**

Adding and subtracting two-digit numbers Using number lines and partitioning Solving word problems

# Shape

Identifying and describing 2D and 3D shapes Understanding properties of shapes (sides, vertices, edges) Recognising symmetry and patterns

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# Money

Recognising and using coins Adding and subtracting amounts of money Solving simple problems involving money

### **Multiplication and Division**

Understanding the concept of multiplication as repeated addition
Exploring arrays and grouping

Dividing by 2, 5, and 10

# **Length and Height**

Measuring length and height
Using standard units
Solving problems involving measurement

# Mass, Capacity and Temperature

Measuring weight, capacity and temperature Using standard units Solving problems involving measurement

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#### **Fractions**

Recognising and finding fractions of shapes and amounts Understanding halves and quarters Comparing simple fractions

#### Time

Telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes Understanding days, weeks, and months Solving time-related problems

#### **Statistics**

Collecting and organising data Interpreting simple charts and graphs Answering questions based on data

#### **Position and Direction**

Use the language of position
Use understanding of this language to complete multi-step
and more sophisticated problems

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# **Living Things and Their Habitats**

Students will investigate the differences between living, dead, and non-living things by examining life processes such as growth, reproduction, and response to the environment. They will explore various habitats, comparing how different organisms adapt to their surroundings.

### Plants

Students will learn about the essential needs of plants, including water, light, and suitable temperature for healthy growth. They will conduct simple experiments to observe how these factors affect plant development, fostering an understanding of plant biology and the importance of ecosystems.

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### **Animals Including Humans**

Students will match, sort, and group young animals with their adult counterparts, gaining an understanding of life cycles and the stages of development. They will explore concepts of survival, including the needs of animals for food, water, and shelter. Additionally, students will learn about healthy living, focusing on the importance of exercise and nutrition for both humans and animals.

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# **Use of Everyday Materials**

Students will identify and compare the suitability of various everyday materials, such as wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper, and cardboard. They will explore the properties of these materials and their specific uses in everyday life, developing critical thinking skills about material selection and design.

# The Environment

Students will investigate local and global environmental issues, including climate change, recycling, endangered animals, and pollination. They will learn about the importance of being water-wise and the role of renewable energy in protecting our planet. This unit will foster awareness and responsibility towards environmental stewardship.





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# **History: Travel and Transport**

This unit will investigate the evolution of travel and transport throughout history. Students will develop a chronological understanding by using timelines to compare old and new forms of transport. They will explore early travel methods used by the Vikings and examine significant inventions, including cars, trains, and airplanes. Key figures such as George Stephenson and the Wright brothers will also be highlighted, helping students appreciate their contributions to transport.

# Geography: What a Wonderful World

In this geography unit, students will learn to name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans. They will create a fact file for a European country, enhancing their understanding of global geography and cultural diversity. This engaging activity will foster curiosity about the world and its various regions.

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# Geography: Extreme Earth

In this unit, students will explore the fascinating aspects of physical geography, focusing on what lies beneath the Earth's surface and the extreme natural phenomena that occur above it. They will learn about various geological features, including mountains, volcanoes, earthquakes, tsunamis, and tornadoes, and understand how these elements shape our planet.

**Understanding Earth's Layers:** Students will investigate the different layers of the Earth, from the crust to the core, and learn about their characteristics and importance.

**Volcanic Activity:** They will examine how volcanoes are formed, the processes involved in eruptions, and the impact of volcanic activity on the environment and human life.

**Earthquakes:** Students will discover what causes earthquakes, how they are measured, and the effects they can have on communities. They will also explore safety measures and preparedness.

**Tsunamis:** Students will learn about tsunamis, how they are generated by underwater earthquakes or volcanic eruptions, and their potential effects on coastal regions. This will include discussions on safety and response to tsunami warnings.

**Tornadoes:** The unit will cover tornado formation, characteristics, and the conditions that create these powerful storms. Students will understand the impact of tornadoes on the environment and communities, as well as safety precautions.

Landforms: Students will identify and describe various landforms created by geological processes, such as mountains, valleys, and plains, enhancing their understanding of how these features develop over time.

Environmental Impact: The unit will also address the impact of natural phenomena on ecosystems and human activities, fostering an appreciation for the balance between nature and human intervention.

In Year 2, students will engage in enriching studies of British history and coastal geography.

# **History: Kings and Queens**

This unit will help students develop an awareness of the past by exploring the roles of monarchs in British history. They will learn to place key events and figures within a chronological framework, enhancing their understanding of historical timelines.

**Understanding Monarchs:** Students will investigate the lives and reigns of significant British monarchs, such as Queen Elizabeth I and King Henry VIII, examining their contributions to society and governance.

**Chronology Skills:** Through the use of timelines, students will learn to sequence historical events and identify the key periods in British history, understanding how the monarchy has evolved over time.

Comparative Analysis: Students will explore similarities and differences between the lifestyles of monarchs and the general population in different historical periods. They will discuss how royal duties and privileges have changed from the past to the present.

**Connection to Present Day:** The unit will highlight the relevance of the monarchy in contemporary society, discussing the roles and responsibilities of the current royal family and their impact on British culture.

# **Geography: Seasides**

In this unit, students will explore the unique characteristics of coastal environments, and the activities associated with seaside locations. They will develop an understanding of both the physical and human aspects of the coast.

**Identifying Coastal Features:** Students will learn to identify and describe key features of the coastline, such as beaches, cliffs, rock pools, and dunes, and understand the natural processes that shape these landscapes.

**Marine Life Exploration:** Students will investigate various types of marine life found in seaside environments, including





	fish, crabs, and seaweed, exploring their habitats a interdependence of these organisms.  Human Activities at the Seaside: The unit will exa popular seaside activities, such as swimming, fishitourism. Students will discuss the positive and neg impacts of these activities on the environment and communities.  Environmental Conservation: Students will learn a importance of protecting coastal environments and reduce pollution, fostering a sense of responsibility marine conservation.  Cultural Significance: The unit will highlight the cuaspects of seaside locations, including local tradition festivals, and the historical significance of the coast communities.  Mapping Skills: Students will practice mapping skil creating simple maps of a seaside location, identificatures and landmarks, while using appropriate geographical vocabulary.	mine ng, and ative d local about the d ways to y towards ltural ons, t to
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